

REMARKS

After entering these amendments, Claims 1 and 3-8 will be pending. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Claims 2 and 9 have been canceled.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, first paragraph, in the June 28, 2006 Office Action and the Examiner has maintained this rejection as applied to “or delaying progression or onset of.” (October 25, 2006 Advisory Action, Page 2). Applicants traverse. Applicants have amended Claim 8 to delete “or delaying progression or onset of”. Additionally, applicants have canceled Claim 9. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the Examiner withdraw this rejection as it is now moot.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

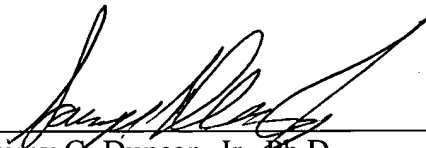
Claims 1 and 3-7 are objected to “as they still have non-elected subject matter but would be allowable...[d]eletion of n=2 is needed”. (October 25, 2006 Advisory Action, Page 2 to 3). Applicants thank the Examiner for bringing this inadvertent typographical error to their attention. Applicants have amended Claim 1 and thereby Claim 3-7 to correct the definition of variable n to delete “n=2”. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the Examiner withdraw this objection as it is now moot.

CONCLUSION

A fee in the amount of \$450.00 according to 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) for a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is believed due for the filing of this Amendment, please charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. No other fee is believed due for the filing of this amendment; however if any fee is found to be due please charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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